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SUBJECT: LAWS GOVERNING FIREARM IMPORTATION

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1. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WAS FURNISHED BY THE CENTRAL ARMS REGISTRY OF THE BOTSWANA POLICE. THE ACT GOVERNING SUBJECT IMPORTS IS THE ARMS AND AMMUNITION PROCLAMATION OF 1959, AS AMENDED IN 1968. THERE ARE ONLY TWO ARMS AND AMMUNITION WHOLESALERS IN BOTSWANA, WESTERN GRUST IN GABORONE AND M.S. EBRAHIM IN FRANCISTOWN. IN ORDER TO BECOME ARMS DEALERS, THEY HAD TO OBTAIN SPECIAL PERMISSION FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT AFTER POLICE CHECKS, ETC. AN IMPORT PERMIT IS NEEDED BY THE WHOLESALERS FOR EACH SHIPMENT. THE PERMIT IS REQUESTED FOR AND ISSUED ROUTINELY BY THE NEAREST DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. THE APPROXIMATELY TWENTY ARMS RETAILERS MUCH PURCHASE ARMS AND AMMUNITION FROM THE TWO WHOLESALERS.

2. ALL RETAIL AND WHOLESALE DEALERS MUST SUBMIT A MONTHLY STATEMENT TO POLICE COVERING ALL ARMS AND AMMUNITION SOLD THAT MONTH. DETAILS REQUIRED IN THE REPORT INCLUDE WEAPON SERIAL NUMBERS, CALIBERS, ETC., TYPES AND QUANTITIES OF AMMUNITION AND COMPLETE NAME AND ADDRESS OF PURCHASERS.

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3. WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL WISHES TO PURCHASE FIREARMS AND-OR AMMUNITION FOR RETAIL OULET, HE MUST FIRST SELECT AND PAY FOR THE MERCHANDISE. WHILE DEALER HOLD THE MERCHANDIS, PURCHASER MUST SUBMIT PROPER FORM AND RECEIPT TO DISTRICT COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE. IF POLICE CHECK DISCLOSES NO CRIMINAL RECORD, AN ARMS CERTIFICATE IS ISSUED. THE INDIVIDUAL THEN PRESENTS CERTIFICATE TO DEALER WHO RELEASES WEAPON OR AMMUNITION.

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